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Plastic Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of plastic waste being generated everyday in the country along with the quantity of waste collected and recycled;
(b) whether the Government is aware that around 6000 tonnes of plastic waste is left uncollected everyday and disposed of in a hazardous manner and if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether the Government is considering to implement stringent Plastic waste Management Rules to regulate the use of hazardous material and handling of the waste generated by it; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)
(a) & (b) Central Pollution Control Board has estimated the generation of 15,342 tons of plastic waste per day in the country, out of which, 9205 tons was reported to be recycled and leaving 6137 tons uncollected and littered. Growing economy with rise in per capita income has led to increased in consumption of plastic for packaging of commodities in last few years Consumption pattern and consumer behavior has witnessed manifold increase in use of PET bottles and plastic wrapping of products. The lack of awareness and absence of effective tools to collect back the discarded plastic products including the wrapping material has led to the indiscriminate littering and disposal of plastic waste.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has comprehensively revised the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 and notified Plastic Waste Management Rules in March, 2016. The Rules, 2016 provide for ways and means to minimize plastic waste generation, adoption of extended producer responsibility for collection of waste and sustainable plastic waste management system, recycling and utilization of plastic waste in road construction, energy and oil generation etc. Further, these rules prescribe two years time to phase out manufacturing non- recyclable multilayered plastic. As per these Rules, guidelines for the disposal of Thermoset Plastic Waste have been issued in May, 2016.

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